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On behalf of the CAWMC board of Directors and all our members, a warm welcome to Bill Russell from Ontario, who has recently joined our organization. This month we also say goodbye to our members that have not renewed their subscription to our Association by March 31, 2020. So, if you are one of the few members who have not yet paid your dues, please remit immediately to Al Munro, membership chairman, Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1.

If you have queries about your membership status you can contact Al by mail, by phone at 403-273-6133 or by email at wood5cents@shaw.ca. You might also receive a digital reminder from Al. Should you decide to take a temporary break from our association, rest assured that we will be here when you come back.

Are you planning to issue a wood this year? I would like to remind all our members that the use of our logo die, presently kept at Canada Wide Woods in Calgary, is free for our members. You may want to celebrate our 45th anniversary with a personal wood, and the use of our logo is certainly an option you are encouraged to consider.

I am looking forward to attending the meeting of the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC at the 2020 ONA Convention on Sat. May 23rd, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, 3063 South Service Road (Exit at Guelph Line), in Burlington ON — All CAWMC members and guests are welcome to attend. If by chance you can't come to this meeting, we'll see you at the CAWMC breakfast and AGM at the 2020 RCNA Convention on Sat. July. 25th in Halifax NS.

Have a great month of March everybody.

Happy St-Patrick's day!

France



Saskatoon Coin & Stamp Centre

Featured wood of the Month of March 2020

This old 1982 wood was issued by the Saskatoon Coin & Stamp Centre. Our catalogue lists it as #7850 - 030B, Purple both sides, 45mm in diameter, and with 150 issued. This same wood was also issued in Red both sides.

Also listed and shown in our catalogues are four varieties. These four varieties, feature an over stamp on the original woods: for example 'SPECIMEN', or a date 'May 25 1982' and 'Oct. 4 1982'. Our listing says 50 of each of these varieties were issued.

Also, for sure, there are other varieties that exist, but are not shown or listed in our catalogues. These unlisted varieties (shown here without colour) were in the collection of the late Bob Brown of Highspire, Pennsylvania, who was a long-time member of CAWMC and a very, avid collector of Canadian wooden tokens. Bob had a very comprehensive Canadian collection. He had varieties that show different ' dates ' in 1982, or SPECIMEN on the reverse of some woods and a ' Good for 1983 ' on both the obverse and reverse of other woods.

How many other different over stamped woods were issued and in what quantities? We may never know for sure.

Ross



Our friend Dave Gillespie (ON) has kindly informed me that the "Heart wood" presented in the February 2020 *Timber Talk* is in fact Canadian and was issued by Tyrone Lai, from Ontario, back in the 80's along with a whole series of others. The wood was made in four colors: Black-Blue, Blue-Blue, Red-Blue and Green-Blue.



Happy birthday my grandchildren!

Anatoly Saltykov-Karpov, PhD, New-York

A tree accompanies a person throughout his life, and even earlier. When he is in the womb and the expectant mother walks through the forest and inhales its aromas. When the baby sleeps in a wooden crib. When one comes into the toy store and tries to choose environmentally friendly, useful, informative, and is faced with a huge number of wooden models.

Undoubtedly, a huge number of manufactured children's wooden toys are useful and necessary. Locomotives, cars, various animals and others carry important educational properties. However, often in conversations between parents, relatives and friends there are conversations about money. Such conversations are important when a child loses very expensive things or breaks toys. A parent has to explain the connection between the hard work of parents, making money, and buying toys.



Of course, it would be possible to use real money in a game version, or use sham paper. Real money can carry infectious bacteria and can be dangerous, especially for small children as they are small. A child can swallow them. A child may damage tooth enamel when biting a metal coin. Therefore, in this process, you can use wood money. Informational properties of wooden money can be used as both mathematical, mystical, geographical and social sources. They begin to shape the future consciousness of the child, as a citizen. Mathematical is learning to count instead of traditional wooden counting sticks. Simultaneous with this process, the motor develops the motility of the fingers and hands. Stamps, dollars, rubles, euros, etc., allow you to familiarize the child with the versatility of the world.

The most important are social, related to family traditions. The most effective phenomenon will occur during the celebration of birthdays. On this occasion, you can issue a special wooden coin, on which you can print the year of issue, name and portrait. This coin can be distributed to guests.

The next moment may be related to development of the sociability and adaptation of the child as a person in society. For example, in a large family use play coins with the images of different children. As a result of such a game, a sense of ownership, sociability, enterprise is instilled, and the foundations of commodity-money relations are also developing.

There are teachings that prove the connection of human consciousness with the consciousness of the world around it.



It is a symbol of the world, which is the maternal care and vitality.
What is the power?

For example, birch is a symbol of human life and cosmic energy. Birch is a way to summon good spirits and drive out evil. Oak is strength, endurance, longevity and nobility.

Wood is a natural symbol of the highest dynamic growth, seasonal death and regeneration. In various cultures many trees were considered sacred and magical. Respectful attitude to the magic power of trees is based on the popular belief that the gods and spirits live in them.

Griffin's Guns & Antiques

by Judy Blackman CAWMC Life Member, FONA, KStE

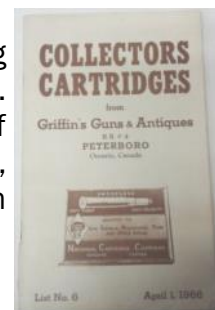
This 1975 **Griffin's Guns & Antiques** 38 mm round wood is a bit of a mystery. At Rural Road (RR) 4 Peterborough there were two businesses: Griffin's Guns & Antiques (which no longer exists) and Griffin's Greenhouses (which continues to operate, and is just 5 km north of Trent University).



I cannot find anything on Griffin's Guns & Antiques after 1975. I did find this April 1, 1966; List No. 6 Catalogue for the business.

This wood is black ink on both sides, has rarity rating 2, and is 5715-003 in Norm Belsten's catalogue. There were 1,000 woods produced, I have no idea of the value, yet the wood reads "GOOD IN TRADE AT", which would imply there is something you benefit from

when you take the wood to the place of business.



A search on the internet shows that Lawrence N. Griffin, whose address was listed as R R 4, Peterboro, died on June 21, 1975. He was born in 1919. I found his grave marker (Lakefield Cemetery, plot R18L22#3). I have to wonder if he was indeed the Griffin behind Griffin's Guns & Antiques, but without visiting the business registry or municipal licensing archives in Peterborough, I cannot confirm with any certainty. Then there is a Jean Phoebe Griffin (nee Miller) sharing plot R18L22 as #4 (possibly Lawrence's parents are #1 and 2). She was born in 1918 and died at the age of 79 at Peterborough Manor on June 21, 1998 and was buried June 24, 1998, and her next of kin was listed as her son Larry Griffin (Lawrence Griffin Junior).

I don't believe Griffin's Greenhouses ever had anything to do with the Griffin's Guns & Antiques; however, the family may be a relative of the family that owned Griffin's Guns & Antiques. I cannot even confirm the Greenhouses are on the same property the guns and antiques business was, or are simply adjacent.

Ann, Jack, Vikki and Kyle Griffin run the Greenhouses. Ann and Jack began a small, seasonal greenhouse at their home in May 1976 (less than a year after Lawrence's passing). Ann worked alone, a way to supplement her "stay at home mom" income for many years. Vikki and Kyle, and other family members helped as needed. Jack worked as a Sales Representative traveling on the road, and so he could only help on weekends. I don't know what product (or services) Jack sold. As the demand for their exceptional quality plants grew, Jack retired from sales in 1997 and began working the greenhouse business full time, alongside Ann, expanding the season to include fall plant offerings and winter décor. In 2001 Vikki left her teaching career in Belleville, moved back to Peterborough with her husband and their two children, and "helped out" by becoming the General Manager. She continued to expand the business adding several series of workshops and becoming the "spokesperson" at speaking engagements, extending the reach of the business. In 2006 Kyle chose gardening over photo-journalism and he became the Greenhouse Manager, streamlining many processes and adding to the Display Garden. Working well together on a daily basis can be challenging, but the Griffins assure that happiness runs in the family, and ask "How can you be unhappy working amid such beauty, with family close by?" Jack and Ann's four grandchildren can often be seen helping too. Based on the information provided, I estimate Jack and Ann to be in their early 60s, and I suspect that Jack may have very well been Lawrence's son who would have been around 25 at the time of Lawrence's passing.

If I'm *out to lunch* on any or all of this speculation regarding this wood, please send a corrected explanation to the editor for publishing in a future *Timber Talk*. It would be nice to know for sure the story behind the wood!

Chips from the Woodpile

By Dave Gillespie

In 1976 Timber Talk published the following article that I would like to share with you and I trust that some of you can relate. It is entitled: "There is NOT a POT OF GOLD at the end of every Rainbow" by C. E. Parker.

This is not a success story! It is only a recital of a lot of tracing and running about – and it has no happy ending.

It began when I chanced upon an "Alex Goodman's Pacific 66" wooden nickel. It had no address but it did have a telephone number. In the Winnipeg directory there was a Pacific 66 Service Station with that number. When I went there, they told me that Alex Goodman was no longer the operator. He had moved to Roblin, Manitoba. They also told me that some people had tried to cash them in, but they had been refused! So they had none, but will redeem any others offered and hold them for me. So far (6 months later) none have turned up.

Following that, I picked up a "Portage & Lenore Service" wooden nickel. When I went to that location they told me that they had none and that these pieces had been issued by Fred Nickle, the previous owner. However, when I got in touch with Mr. Nickle, he told me that the woods had been issued by a Mr. Alex Goodman. When I asked him if this was the same Alex Goodman who had moved to the Pacific 66 on Pemina Highway and was now in Roblin, he said that that was the fellow.

Looking through the Provincial Telephone Directory, I found in Roblin, a company called "Goodman Ford Agency" When I dialed that number I did not reach Mr. Goodman. I spoke instead to his business partner, who had also been in business with him at the Portage & Lenore site and later at the Pacific 66 station.

He told me that Alex (I felt that I could call him by first name by now!) had moved on to Swan River after closing the Roblin business. I asked him if Alex had any wooden nickels left, and he thought that he had. I offered to pay whatever price he might ask, plus postage, if he could send me a few.

After three weeks had gone by and the postman brought me no parcel, I phoned direct to Swan River. Alex informed me that he had none left and that was the reason he had sent me none!

After all that time and effort, I had nothing to show for it, except the knowledge that the two wooden nickels had been issued by the same person. Will that deter me in the future? I don't think so. I will continue to follow up every lead I get, and someday, I may find the legendary "Pot of Gold" at the end of the rainbow.

THE END C. E. Parker

C.A.W.M.C. being a member club of the C.N.A., it was entitled to hand out C.N.A. Certificates of Appreciation and near the end of 1979 Mr. Parker was presented with one such certificate for the best article submitted to Timber Talk during the first five years.

AND NOW for another Tom Hudson quiz question:

1. Who put out a 1 Wooden Penny wood in 1956 ?

If you are having any trouble with the quiz questions, I can only suggest that you e-mail one of the older and more experienced collectors like Norm Belsten or Al Munro for help !!!

'Til next time Let the Chips lie where they fall.



Answers to the Chips Quiz Questions from February 2020:

Q: In what city was a wood distributed with all profits going to children living with disabilities?

A: Vancouver, British Columbia



Canadians woods for sale or trade !

Greetings from the Rain Forest !!! All is well on the Western Front !

Here are lists of various Provinces' woods I have for sale, listed by Belsten catalogue number. (From Editor: The lists appear on pages 7 and 8 of this issue)

Sale conditions:

- first come, first served.
- 50 cents each for first 10, then 35 cents each for 11 or more. Postage of woods to buyer to be added to purchase total.
- can send scans of any of the woods if wanted/needed.

You will notice no B.C. nor Alberta woods lists. I have a number of B.C. dups available too, and also a few Alberta dups. My primary focus is getting the "back east" woods sold, but can send B.C. and/or Alberta dups lists to anyone interested in them.

Would also consider trading, one for one, of any of the above for Alaska or Yukon woods.

My contact info will be my e-mail address, eg; rustynbetty@telus.net.

Cheers! *David Philips*

Ontario woods for sale (or trade)ROUNDS

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| -5075-078 | -5743-001 | -5900-140A |
| -5105-001A | -5770-011 | -5900-175 |
| -5165-001 | -5770-027 | -5900-275 |
| -5196-005 | -5770-050 | -5900-386 |
| -5270-001C | -5770-096 | -5905-001A |
| -5400-006 | -5770-115 | -5905-005 |
| -5400-007 | -5775-001 | -5905-019 |
| -5405-001 | -5775-002 | -5906-001B |
| -5410-001 | -5775-005 | -5907-015 |
| -5410-001A | -5775-006 | -5907-065 |
| -5430-004 | -5775-007 | -5907-074 |
| -5480-002 | -5775-008 | -5907-089 |
| -5480-003 | -5777-002 | -5907-116 |
| -5490-007A | -5870-002 | -5908-003 |
| -5495-001 | -5875-003 | -5908-005 |
| -5500-013 | -5876-100 | -5908-006 |
| -5500-014 | -5876-112 | -5908-033 |
| -5500-015 | -5876-113 | -5909-030 |
| -5500-017 | -5876-117 | -5909-051 |
| -5500-018 | -5876-118 | -5913-001 |
| -5500-019B | -5876-122 | -5924-001A |
| -5510-004 | -5876-135 | -5924-182 |
| -5520-001 | -5876-151 | -5944-025 |
| -5565-001 | -5876-163 | -5944-078 |
| -5670-001 | -5876-256 | -5944-085 |
| -5675-002 | -5876-261 | -5944-090 |
| -5675-003 | -5876-262 | -5944-107 |
| -5675-004-1 | -5884-017 | -5944-108 |
| -5675-004-2 | -5884-022 | -5944-134 |
| -5675-005 | -5885-005 | -5944-139 |
| -5675-020A | -5887-002B | -5944-140 |
| -5675-020B | -5888-001 | -5950-011 |
| -5675-020C | -5888-003 | -5950-029 |
| -5675-021 or could be -7530-012 | -5889-002A | -5950-038 |
| -5675-022 | -5889-006 | -5970-006 |
| -5675-023 | -5889-029 | -5970-030 |
| -5675-030 | -5890-009 | -5970-031 |
| -5715-008-3 | -5891-009 | -5970-031 |
| -5715-013-A | -5895-002 | -5970-034 |
| -5715-013-B | -5900-013 | |
| -5715-014 | -5900-017A | |
| -5715-015 | -5900-019 | |
| -5715-049 | -5900-038 | |
| -5740-001A | -5900-040 | |
| | -5900-043 | |
| | -5900-137 | |

Ontario woods for sale (or trade)

FLATS

-5121-033
 -5121-042
 -5310-004
 -5500-053
 -5555-053
 -5555-094
 -5555-095
 -5555-125
 -5565-044
 -5670-003
 -5670-029
 -5675-005F
 -5675-005G
 -5675-028
 -5675-065
 -5675-074
 -5675-075
 -5715-021
 -5770-090
 -5876-003
 -5876-004
 -5876-005
 -5876-105
 -5876-109
 -5876-120
 -5876-121
 -5876-129
 -5876-147
 -5876-170
 -5876-171
 -5876-250
 -5876-277
 -5924-020
 -5924-123
 -5924-124
 -5924-127
 -5924-132

Saskatchewan woods:

- 7160-002
 - 7160-006
 - 7225-001
 - 7400-003
 - 7530-004
 - 7530-008
 - 7530-009
 - 7530-010
 - 7530-011
 - 7530-012
 - 7530-013B
 - 7530-015A
 - 7530-015
 - 7530-019
 - 7530-039
 - 7530-043
 - 7530-049
 - 7530-053
 - 7600-003
 - 7600-003G
 - 7630-006
 - 7800-001
 - 7800-005
 - 7800-035
 - 7850-004
 - 7850-006
 - 7850-032B

Manitoba woods

- 6189-001
 - 6190-001
 - 6650-002
 - 6900-008A
 - 6900-009A
 - 6980-070

Nova Scotia woods

- 2450-063
 - 2450-065
 - 2460-003
 - 2460-008
 - 2610-003
 - 2650-001A (flat)

Prince Edward Island woods

- 2900-001 (flat)
 - 2900-002
 - 2902-001
 - 2905-004
 - 2905-005

New Brunswick woods

- 3300-002A
 - 3300-130
 - 3300-015A
 - 3310-014
 - 3350-004A
 - 3350-013
 - 3350-015

Quebec woods

- 4620-009
 - 4620-011
 - 4620-014 - flat
 - 4620-031
 - 4620-034
 - 4620-046 - a maverick ?
 - 4760-002 - flat
 - 4760-003 - flat
 - 4760-006 - flat
 - 4760-018
 - 4765-001 - flat
 - 4765-088
 - 4850-001
 - 4880-001